

# DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No: 190250-1790

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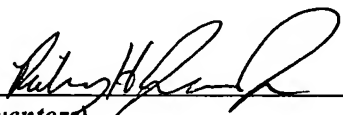
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